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LB 713, 806

CLERK: 2086, Senator?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, by Senator Bromm. The second one was I believe 1735.

CLERK: 7...1735?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

CLERK: Thank you.

SENATOR STUHR: And the third would be 1796.

CLERK: Thank you, Senator. Madam President, committee amendment, FA192 is pending. Senator Bromm would move to amend with AM2086. (See page 1981 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bromm, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President, Mr. Clerk, and colleagues. This is an amendment which I think we should be able to have an intelligent discussion about and hopefully take an up and down vote on. It doesn't necessarily relate as much to trying to make changes in the formula as it does to the intent and purposes of 1114 and the decision to furnish state aid to schools, and how that decision is made, and all the ramifications of which I hope some of the Revenue Committee will also speak about and address. Very simply, you'll recall that earlier in the session, very early in the session we passed a bill, LB 713. LB 713 said that beginning with the school year '98-99 we will certify state aid on December 1 preceding, preceding that school year. To put that into present circumstances, that means that this coming December 1 of 1997 we will, our Department of Education will be required to certify to the school districts what their state aid will be for '98-99 with their school years beginning in August of '98. Now, historically, the certification for that state aid has come later than we like. This year the certification came at a fairly reasonable time which I'm sorry I don't have the date right in front of me but it seems to me that it was in March, it was in March so that the schools would have a chance to respond. It's critical for schools to know what that aid is going to be